

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the Reverend Gwendolyn J. Marshall of Springfield, Missouri, has been nominated for the prestigious DeVerne Lee Calloway Award, a tremendous accolade given annually by the Women Legislators of Missouri in honor of Missouri's first African-American woman state representative; and

Whereas, the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award is presented to a Missouri woman who, through her commitment and determination, has made major contributions to equality and social justice by furthering legislation concerning equal opportunities for all Missourians in the areas of education, housing, employment, etc.; and

Whereas, Gwendolyn Marshall accepted her call to ministry in 1994, since which time she has been ordained a minister and has served in various capacities at Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, including Assistant Pastor, Director of Christian Education, and Youth Pastor; and

Whereas, through a collaboration of Aids Project of the Ozarks and Minister's Coalition of Springfield, Inc., the Reverend Gwendolyn Marshall has served as an H.I.V./AIDS Education Specialist speaking with different groups on college campuses, churches, and youth rallies about the prevention and awareness of the dangers of H.I.V./AIDS; and

Whereas, a sought-after speaker for many ministry, community, and educational events who hosted her first Women's Conference in 2002, Gwendolyn Marshall is exceedingly proud of her affiliation with such important organizations as the Sherman Avenue Project Area Committee, Inc., Center City North Group, Midtown Association, the Bartley Decatur Project, African American Agenda Collaborative, Inc., Black History Summer Academy, Southwest Missouri State University, Evangel College, and Ozark Technical College; and

Whereas, Gwendolyn Marshall has played an integral role in the educational development of countless youngsters as an employee of the Springfield Public Schools for fifteen years, during which time she has served as a Paraprofessional working with special needs students at Kickapoo High School; and

Whereas, the Reverend Gwendolyn Marshall was honored during a special awards ceremony on February 16, 2004, in the Rotunda of the Missouri State Capitol, followed by a reception at the Governor's Mansion:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Gwendolyn Marshall upon her well-deserved nomination for the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Reverend Gwendolyn J. Marshall, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____

Representative Bob Dixon

District No. 140

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker